of sex through radio, television and print media units, launching of "Save the Girl Child" Compaign with a view to lessen son preference by highlighting achievement of young girls, constitution of a National Monitoring and Inspection Committee which has representative from NationalCommission for Women and Ministry of Woman and Child Development to take stock of the ground realities by field visits to the problem states, setting up of a national Surveillance Cell for efective implementation of the Act and sensitization of the Medical Community, Police and Training of Judiciary for better implementation of the Act. In addition, other activities undertaken are sensitization of the organizations working against sex selection, involvement of the medical professionals, religious/spiritual leaders to spread the message, telecasting TV spots on private satellite channels and Doordarshan, and involvement of elected representatives in creating awareness etc.

Grant for nutrition of children

†72. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government provide grants to the states for nutrition of children;

(b) if so, with what conditions the above grant is allocated; and

(c) the States whose grant has lapsed alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) From the year 2005-06, the Government of India provides grant-in-aid to the States/UTs for supplementary nutrition under ICDS, to the extent of 50% of financial norms or 50% of the actual expenditure incurred by the State, whichever is less.

(c) The question does not arise, as any shortfall or excess expenditure made by the State is taken into account while releasing the further grant.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.